Claims:

I claim:

1.   A computer-assisted method of assisting a language translator, comprising:

highlighting an area of source text to be translated into a target language;

allowing insertion of text in the target language following the highlighted area of source text; and

removing the highlighted area of source text after insertion of text in the target language.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining if a second area of source text is available for translation; and

highlighting the second area of source text when the second area of source text is available for translation.

3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising determining if the execution of the method is a first iteration of the method.

4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising defining the area of source text prior to highlighting the area of source text.

5.   The method of claim 1, further comprising executing the method for each paragraph of source text in a document.

6.   An apparatus for assisting a language translator, comprising:

means for highlighting an area of source text to be translated into a target language;

means for allowing insertion of text in the target language following the high-lighted area of source text; and

means for removing the highlighted area of source text after insertion of text in the target language.

7.   The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for determining if a second area of source text is available for translation; and

means for highlighting the second area of source text when the second area of source text is available for translation.

8.   A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

highlight an area of source text to be translated into a target language;

allow for insertion of text in the target language following the highlighted area of source text; and

remove the highlighted area of source text after insertion of text in the target language.

9.   The medium of claim 8 having stored thereon further instructions which, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to:

determine if a second area of source text is available for translation; and

highlight the second area of source text when the second area of source text is available for translation.

10.   An apparatus for assisting a language translator, comprising:

a target text unit definition module;

a source text unit definition module;

an entry preparation module; and

a source text unit delete module.

11.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising an execution check module.

12.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a cursor paragraph module.

13.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a cursor move module.

14.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a non-empty paragraph find module.

15.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a move module.

16.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a character scan module.

17.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a variable re-initialization module.

18.   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a stop module.

19.   A translation system, comprising:

a word processor; and

a translation tool in communication with the word processor, the translation tool comprising:

a target text unit definition module;

a source text unit definition module;

an entry preparation module; and

a source text unit delete module.